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THE JAPANESE QUESTION.

The demand of the Japanese Consul-General for the franchise for the coolie laborers in these Islands, who are and will continue to be subjects of His Imperial Majesty the Mikado, was made and replied to several weeks ago. The facts, inclusive of the report that the Hawaiian Government had refused to make the concession, were then given in the STAR. There the matter rested, waiting the further pleasure of the Japanese authorities. It is now understood that correspondence from the Foreign Office at Tokio may be looked for at any time, in which will be made known whether the Mikado intends to press his singular claim or take his rebuff with becoming grace.

What the Japanese want is a voting equality with Europeans, Hawaiians and Americans, under the terms of the constitution of 1887. They lay claim to as much intelligence and progressiveness as many voters possess who, before the revolution, went freely to the Hawaiian polls; and they say that there is no reasonable and just excuse why they should be debarred from the exercise of the Island suffrage. It may be said to this that, when the Japanese seek equality with European and other residents, they should first become the same free agents that European, Hawaiian and American voters are. Our Japanese friends immigrate here under the absolute control of their own government. They are little more than serfs and chattels. Their movements are regulated by the Mikado's agents, part of their pay is reserved by the home authorities, and Japan assumes the right to recall them at pleasure. There is nothing analogous to the European or American status in this. What folly, therefore, to entrust any part of the local government to such aliens and nomads, to say nothing of the fact that the most of them are of the lowest class of Asiatics who, in their own country, have no suffrage rights whatever and could obtain none.

There is another reason why the refusal of our Government to meet the Japanese demand is wise. Just now the United States is considering the tender of these Islands without an Asiatic voting population. Should we go on and create such a disturbing element in Hawaiian affairs, the American Government would have the right to accuse us of bad faith and it might, very properly, throw the present negotiation overboard. Meanwhile, there need be no fear that Japan will attempt armed coercion. The Monroe doctrine surrounds us like a wall of steel. Annexed or not, Hawaii has its place in the American system.

Of course Japan may see fit to withdraw her laborers. If she does, the Chinese are still a resource, and are available under the laws of 1892. Aside from this there is, also, a great surplus population of American negroes to draw upon—not a desirable class to have as citizens, or as an additional element in a population already diverse; but good people for the cane fields nevertheless—far better than none at all.

THE LEPROSY QUESTION AGAIN.

A Royalist organ quotes, with apparent approval, this comment from the *British Medical Journal*:

"In reference to the advisability of compulsory segregation, for which so many persons in India and elsewhere have been vociferously clamoring, the commissioners speak with no uncertain note. In the first place, it is insisted that, for India, complete segregation may be considered to be absolutely impracticable; and, secondly, that nothing of the kind is justified by the nature of the disease. They do not object to, however, and indeed recommend, a sort of voluntary isolation in leper colonies or farms."

The idea that the "voluntary isolation of lepers in colonies and farms" would answer as a substitute for segregation is far removed from a common sense basis. If the lepers upon Molokai were released on the assurance that their disease is not contagious, does any one suppose that they would go into voluntary exile from old scenes and associations and from the families they love? Instead of that they would return home and the various towns of Hawaii would thereafter be shunned by tourists and home-seekers as if they were plague spots and

many products of the Islands, which rivals would say had been leper-picked, would lose their foreign market. The idea that lepers would hasten to a new banishment, as soon as they had been assured that there had been no necessity for the isolation, may do for two of Queen Victoria's physicians and for the *British Medical Journal*, but it will get small respect here.

A WRITER in the *Bulletin* assumes that a grand jury could not correct the evil of summary arrest for libel made upon the application of any racial who might desire to exercise or muzzle the press which had exposed him. The statement is correct, providing the functions and limitations of the Hawaiian grand jury would be the same as those of a similar body in a California or New York county. But why the same? It is surely the province of the Provisional Legislature to establish a grand jury on a new plan, which would secure for the latter the sole decision as to the justice and propriety of taking criminal action in certain specified cases, among which libel might have a place. This would diminish the committing powers of ignorant, prejudiced or partisan magistrates, but it would serve the ends of justice, to secure which law was instituted.

The *Bulletin* of yesterday contained an editorial paragraph which was evidently intended as an insult to the medical gentlemen of Honolulu who differ with Dr. Trousseau on the question of the contagiousness of leprosy. We quote:

"It ought to be a settler to the small creatures here lately yelping at the heels of Dr. Trousseau, who, to justify their contemptible action, falsely represented that the Commission's conclusions were discredited in influential quarters at home."

It is to be hoped that the paragraph was not instigated by the physician referred to. There are no small yelping creatures in the profession here. The medical gentlemen thus classified are as a general thing graduates of first-class medical institutions of Europe and America. Can as much be said of the *Bulletin's* champion?

THE American papers have had much to say in praise of Lieutenant Young's Fourth of July address in this city. Extended quotations were made from it in journals of New York, Philadelphia, Brooklyn, Boston and Chicago, and the editors discussed it in their daily commentary. The praise given the speech by Mr. Dana of the *Sun* was a tribute worth having, and it was heard with pleasure by Lieutenant Young's many friends in Honolulu.

We doubt if the theory that night-hawks would prey upon the slugs that infest rose bushes will work in practice. The night-hawk does not catch his game upon shrubs, but takes it on the wing. He is a natural enemy of the mosquito and other flying pests of darkness, but disdains grubs and caterpillars. These he leaves to the tender mercies of the toad and of the man with a pail of parisgreen water.

PERSONAL.

Ernest Thrum left for Chicago to-day. Later on he will bring back a bride.

Hawaiian Consul Girvin of San Diego has been delivering lectures on these Islands.

H. C. Hadley is back from Hawaii and is again an attraction to young lady customers at Hobron & Newman's.

H. S. Tregloan has given his son, J. D. Tregloan, a general power of attorney to act for him during his absence. Frank Hoogs changed his mind at the last minute and left on the Australia. He expects to be gone some time.

Marshal Hitchcock is expected back on Saturday in order to be present at the trial of Walker and Sinclair for conspiracy.

Attorney W. A. Kinney is counting the days now until he may join the innumerable caravan which moves to the pale realms of matrimony.

Vice-President Wilder got away on his trip to the Fair this morning and will distribute some chunks of fact along Nordhoff's trail of political falsehood.

Since Mr. Endicott, Hawaiian Consul for Hyogo and Osaka, has resigned his post, the consular business has been transferred to the Hawaiian Consul at Tokyo.—*Japan Mail*.

A Culinary Triumph.

Corned beef, we understand, is an edible that finds favor with our best society here in Cook county. A recipe for the preparation of this would seem to be desired; for we are told that not long ago a bride in this city sought to surprise her husband by preparing for him a dinner of boiled corned beef and cabbage, of which she knew he was very fond. It is related that when the husband tasted of the dish he paused ominously and asked his wife whether she had not adulterated it in the cooking.

"Yes, Charlie," she answered guiltlessly, "the corned beef and cabbage smelled so while it was cooking that I dropped in a bunch of tubercles to flavor it."—*Chicago News-Record*.

NEWS BY THE Peking.

Another Case of Cholera at Yokohama.—Naval Matters, Etc.

An old woman in Aki gun, in Kochi-ken, tried the other day to boil her stepson in a cauldron.

The Chinese Merchants of Bangkok are reported to have telegraphed to the Chinese merchants of Singapore to send no more goods.

The proposed Tokyo City Reform scheme will, if carried into effect, enlarge the area of the streets by 943,004 stuba.

Gilded youths who were highly paid bank clerks in Melbourne, the *Shanghai* and *Mercury* asserts, are now hawking fish and rabbits in the suburbs of that malodorous city.

There is a curious couple in Kagoshima. The husband divorced his wife, but the latter having nowhere to go, the pair are living in the same house, their quarters being divided by a partition.

Mr. Hattori Toru, the editor of the *Tokyo Boyei Shinbun*, published at Fusan, was, on the 12th, ordered by the Japanese consul, Mr. Morioka, to leave Corea within fifteen days and not to set foot again in that country for two years.

Okawa Kamekichi, a rice pounder in employ of Matsuya Shintaro, a rice dealer at 137 Neecho Sancho-me, was, on the 21st, attacked by cholera. He was at once sent to the hospital. This is the fourth case of cholera in Yokohama.

It is reported from native sources that a British man-of-war got ashore at Hayashi, Shima-mura, Hirado Straits, on the night of the 9th inst., but floated off at high tide the next morning and proceeded on her voyage. The only British man-of-war in that vicinity on the date in question was the gun-boat *Firebrand*, bound from Nagasaki to Kobe.

A teacher of a primary school in Iwafune-gun, Echigo, could not remain in his post owing to his misconduct. Then he aspired to become a village headman, and did everything in his power to get the honor of being elected to that post. He succeeded in this ambitious scheme, but before the formal ratification of the election was announced, his notoriety became known to the villagers, and none of them paid respect to him. Being thus driven to despair, he committed suicide by hanging himself.

Eight British men-of-war are now in Hakodate surveying and maneuvering. One the 10th inst. one of them ran down a Japanese junk having a woman and three men on board, but rendered no assistance to the sinking vessel, which was fortunately saved by another Japanese vessel. The crew of the British squadron are unpopular there. The *Hokkai*, of that port, gives an article headed "Vices of Marines of the British Men-of-war," which contains headlines such as Robbery of a Cushion; Violent Attack on a Police box; False Names; and Chastizing a Policeman.—*Asahi*.

"Ta-ra-ra Boom-de-ay" has reached Sierra Leone, and, according to reports, it has touched the natives in their most susceptible spot. Says an exchange: "At a recent concert, attended by a large free-list gallery audience, made up of natives, mostly clad in shirts only, one of the singers gave 'Ta-ra-ra,' with the usual gymnastic accompaniments. The effect was magical. The native audience rose to their feet, kicked up their legs, and howled their 'Boom-de-ays' in their vernacular. The more timorous portion of the audience retired, the concert was stopped, and the whole place was given up to the devotees of 'Ta-ra-ra.' The seats offered no obstacles to the performance of the dance, and the yells of the singers were heard all over the vicinity. At last reports, 'Ta-ra-ra' was in possession of the coast."

The runners and military police of Sungking, while on some other track, recently came across and arrested two notorious pirate chiefs, natives of Kiangpeh, on the north bank of the Yangtze, who had been wanted for a long time for several "big cases." They were immediately brought before the Chehsien of Sungking, but although ordered to kneel on sharp chains and thoroughly beaten would not acknowledge their crimes. Finally the Chehsien ordered the chains to be heated, and while kneeling on them to apply burning "joss sticks" down their backs, but it was not until over half an hour had elapsed that one of them, unable any longer to bear the torture, "confessed" his crimes whilst the other still held on defiantly. At this juncture some of the men formerly arrested, and who had pointed out these two as their leaders, were brought before the Court to face the latter, whereupon 'Tai, who had until now held out, lowered his head and said that he would confess since these witnesses were members of his gang. The whole party will be sent soon to Saichow for their final trial before the Provincial Judge, and the chances are that they will be decapitated at that city next August.

Dr. Sato, says the *Hochi Shinbun*, has just performed successfully the operation of removing a tooth brush from a woman's stomach. The Japanese generally use for cleaning their teeth a wooden rod, five or six inches long, one end of which is frayed so as to form a species of brush. The danger of swallowing an implement of the kind does not seem to be great, but such an accident is possible because easily conceivable when one observes that the Japanese clean not only their teeth but also the tongue, extending the process so closely to the roots of the latter that considerable retching is sometimes produced. It was in this way that the wife of one Kodani, a man of very humble means living in Midori-cho, Honjo, Tokyo, managed to swallow her tooth-brush one morning recently. Naturally her alarm was great, but as no inconvenient consequences were immediately felt, she kept silence, unwilling to proclaim

her own awkwardness. By and by, however, she began to feel increasing pain after eating or upon making any physical exertion, and finally it became necessary to seek medical advice. Dr. Sato, when consulted at the Hongo Hospital, declared, of course, that the woman's life could not be saved without an operation, and after some hesitation she submitted. An incision of four inches was made in the left side and the tooth brush removed without difficulty. Six and a half inches long, it had wounded the intestines so as to cause bleeding, and the wound had turned quite yellow. The patient is doing well.

BY AUTHORITY.

MR. GEO. J. McCARTY has this day been appointed Poundmaster for the Government Pound at Waialeale, Hilo, Hawaii, vice R. Maa, resigned.

J. A. KING, Minister of the Interior. Interior Office, August 11th, 1893. 118-31

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WATER NOTICE.

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